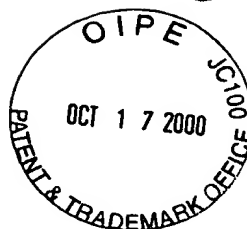


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Anthony J. Konecni, et al.
Serial No. 08/988,686 (TI-22166)
Filing Date: December 11, 1997
Art Unit: 2823
Examiner: K. Eaton
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELECTIVELY COUPLING
A CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL TO A SURFACE OF A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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DECLARATION OF BARTON E. SHOWALTER

BARTON E. SHOWALTER declares as follows:

1. THAT he is and was at the time of these events a registered patent attorney, Registration No. 38,302.
2. THAT, according to the copy of the file of the subject application in his offices, the Invention Disclosure in the subject application was mailed to his offices from Texas Instruments Incorporated on September 17, 1996 for preparation of a patent application.
3. THAT the Invention Disclosure was promptly placed in line for preparation of the patent application for filing prior to December 31, 1996.
4. THAT he sent a Duty of Disclosure form to the inventors on September 18, 1996.
5. THAT, under his supervision, Christopher W. Kennerly began preparing the patent application on or about September 26, 1996.

6. THAT, under his supervision, Mr. Kennerly continued to prepare the patent application between September 26, 1996 and November 5, 1996, billing time to the patent application file on September 26, October 1, October 2, October 3, October 7, October 9, October 14, and October 17, 1996.

7. THAT he reviewed and revised the patent application on or about October 31, 1996.

8. THAT he sent a draft of the patent application to the inventors for review on November 5, 1996.

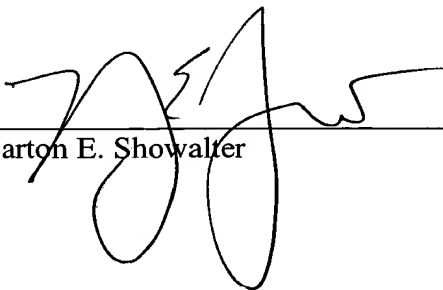
→ 9. THAT, under his supervision, Mr. Kennerly incorporated comments received from the inventors into the patent application on or about December 16, 1996.

→ 10. THAT he sent the completed patent application, with formal papers, to the inventors on December 16, 1996 for execution.

→ 11. THAT he caused to be filed a provisional patent application, which was a copy of the completed patent application, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 1996, Serial No. 60/033,728.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct on information and belief.

October 11, 2000
Date


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